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New Graduate Nursing Program at Madonna University

Strengthens Career Options for Nurses

Anticipating the future career needs of nurses, Madonna University in Livonia will offer a new master's degree and certificate program with an adult nurse practitioner (ANP) specialty. The program, which begins in January 2000, prepares nurses to diagnose and manage primary health needs of adults.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, future career opportunities will be best for nurses with advanced education and training, such as nurse practitioners. Overall, the Bureau predicts that employment of registered nurses is expected to grow faster than the average, or 21 to 35 percent, for all occupations through the year 2006.

"The adult nurse practitioner specialty provides the advanced practice nurse with the knowledge to make sophisticated health management decisions," said Dr. Mary Wawrzynski, dean of the College of Nursing and Health. "This training is vital, since an increasing number of complex procedures, which once were performed only in hospitals, are being carried out in physicians' offices and clinics."

The adult nurse practitioner specialization will be offered as a master of science in nursing (MSN) degree, as well as a post-master's certificate for nurses who already possess an MSN.

Upon completion of either the master's degree or the certificate, students will have the educational theory and clinical practice necessary to take the National Adult Nurse Practitioner Certification exam through the American Nurse Credentialing Center and become licensed as a Nurse Practitioner in the State of Michigan.

Students enrolled in the program will benefit from the expertise of faculty members who are active nurse practitioners.

"The nursing faculty are pleased and excited to now offer the adult nurse practitioner specialty and post master's certificate. The nurse practitioner specialty will allow our graduates to work in multiple advanced practice settings, offering comprehensive primary health care in collaboration with other health care providers," commented Betty Dornbrook, assistant professor and a nurse practitioner.

Dornbrook will coordinate the program with Deborah Dunn, also an assistant professor and nurse practitioner. Assistant professors Gail Lis and Therese Jamison, nurse practitioner, will teach in the

program along with Dunn and Dornbrook. For the convenience of students, classes will be scheduled in the evenings and other suitable times.

"We recognize that students who enroll in the program will most likely be working adults, so we have designed the program so it can be completed on a part-time basis," said Dr. Edith Raleigh, dean of graduate studies.

The Madonna University nursing program was established in 1962 and is one of the largest four-year nursing programs in Michigan. At the graduate level, the College of Nursing and Health also offers a master of science in nursing with specialties in nursing administration, adult health: chronic health conditions, as well as a dual degree in nursing administration and business (MSN/MSBA). The adult nurse practitioner post-graduate certificate joins two existing certificates for the nurse educator and nurse entrepreneur.

For more information about the master of science in nursing with the adult nurse practitioner specialty, call Madonna University's graduate studies office at (734) 432-5667 or [e-mail](#).

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